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specification. Please consecutively renumber all pages following the insertion of the replacement Sequence Listing.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 2. (amended) The recombinant plasmid vector of claim 1, wherein the oligopeptide has an amino acid sequence of isoleueine-glutamic acid-glycine-arginine (Ile-Glu-Gly-Arg; from residue 10-13 of SEQ ID NO: 1) at the C-terminus.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to conform with the rules of practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and to correct typographical errors. The specification has been amended to recite the International Application and priority application. As a result of this preliminary amendment, Claim 2 has been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1-10 are presented for examination. No new matter is being added herewith.

Also enclosed with this Amendment are: (1) a paper copy of the replacement Sequence Listing, and (2) a computer readable version of the replacement Sequence Listing. The Preliminary Amendment directs entry of the paper copy of the replacement Sequence Listing into the application. In view of the foregoing, the application is believed to fully comply with the Sequence Listing Disclosure requirements.

The specific changes to the specification and the amended claims are shown on a separate set of pages attaches hereto and entitled <u>VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW</u>

<u>CHANGES MADE</u>, which follows the signature page of this Amendment. On this set of pages, insertions are underlined and deletions are struck through.

VERIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 (f) & (g)

All of the sequences in the attached Sequence Listing were included in the application as filed in the PCT application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 (g), no new matter is being added herewith. As required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 (f), I hereby verify that the data on the enclosed disk and the paper copies of the Sequence Listing are identical.

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Conclusion

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number appearing below.

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